

Why is it important to read this?

- ☑ To better understand copyright law and infringement
- ☑ To protect you AND Brown University

What is copyright?

- ☑ Copyright grants the creator a set of rights to protect their work:
 - The right to **PRODUCE** the work
 - The right to **REPRODUCE** the work in copies
 - The right to **PERFORM** the work publically
 - The right to **DISPLAY** the work
 - The right to **BROADCAST** the work digitally
- ☑ US Copyright Law also protects the creator from OTHERS who might be doing the same without permission, attribution, or payment
- ☑ Violating copyright law is known as infringement

What are examples of infringement?

- ☑ Downloading and sharing MP3 files of music, videos and games without permission of the copyright owner.
- ☑ Using corporate logos without permission.
- ☑ Scanning a photograph that has been published and using it without permission or attribution.
- ☑ Placing a number of full-text articles on a course web page and allowing the web page to be accessible to anyone who can access the Internet.
- ☑ Downloading licensed software from non-authorized sites without the permission of the copyright or license holder.
- ☑ Making a movie file or a large segment of a movie available on a web site without permission of the copyright owner.

How do you get caught?

- ☑ Copyright holders or their agents locate possible copyright infringements by using automated systems, such as spiders.
- ☑ Via Tagged files on file-sharing networks, like Gnutella, Limewire and BitTorrent.
- ☑ Taking content “bait” on industry-owned file servers.

Then what?

- ☑ Brown University gets a violation notice from RIAA, NBC Universal or other industry organization.
- ☑ When we get a violation notice, Brown locates the IP address and the user of that address. At that point, Brown is required to act on the notification.
- ☑ **Please note!!!!** While on US soil, US Copyright Law applies, regardless of where the work originated.

What happens next?

- ☑ The **file owner’s web access is restricted**, either by:
 - (1) setting filters to restrict Internet access to and from the computer associated

with the IP address, or

(2) blocking wireless access for the computer’s unique MAC address.

- ☑ If this is the first notification that the University has received for the individual, CIS must be notified that the infringing material has been removed from the computer before access is reinstated.
- ☑ A report about the violation of copyright will be sent by CIS to the Office of Student Life. You will receive a warning letter, a copy of which will be kept in your file.

What happens if you do it again?

- ☑ Faculty, graduate students, and staff who are engaged in teaching and research functions are expected to understand and act in accordance with applicable copyright laws.
- ☑ There are potentially serious implications for both the individual and the university if the university receives **more than two notices of infringement against an individual within a three-year period.**
- ☑ For this reason, in an instance of a **second notification** of a student’s infringing activities, Internet privileges will generally be denied for at least four weeks after a hearing is scheduled with the Office of Student Life to determine what sanctions are appropriate.

What are legal music and video alternatives?

- ☑ A listing of free and subscription services is available at http://cis.brown.edu/policy/legal_online_media.php

What about fair use using another’s work in an assignment?

- ☑ The limitation of **Fair Use** provides exceptions to the rights of copyright holders in certain cases, allowing people to use portions of works for non-profit, academic, and other purposes provided those uses stay within certain bounds.
- ☑ Consider these four points to remain “within certain bounds”:
 - **Purpose:** Have you added something new, or merely copied it?
 - **Amount:** Less is more! (unless you take the “heart” of the work)
 - **Nature:** Creative vs. factual
 - **Effect:** What will the use do to the work, or the sale of it?
- ☑ Read about guidelines for fair use at www.brown.edu/copyright/.

Summary

- ☑ There are laws for protecting the rights of published works
- ☑ Brown has policies and technologies in place to ensure compliance with copyright law
- ☑ As a Brown student, you have a responsibility to act in a legal and ethical manner
- ☑ These rules are in place to protect the creator of the work, you, and Brown

Where can you get more information?

- ☑ Brown’s Copyright Policy: <http://cis.brown.edu/policy/copyright.php>
- ☑ Brown’s Copyright and Fair Use information page: www.brown.edu/copyright/

Protect yourself, Brown, and the creator of original works by reviewing this handy summary of:

- ❑ The basics of copyright law and its infringement
- ❑ Your responsibilities to act in a legal and ethical manner as a member of the Brown community
- ❑ Brown's policies and technologies in place to ensure compliance with copyright law

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